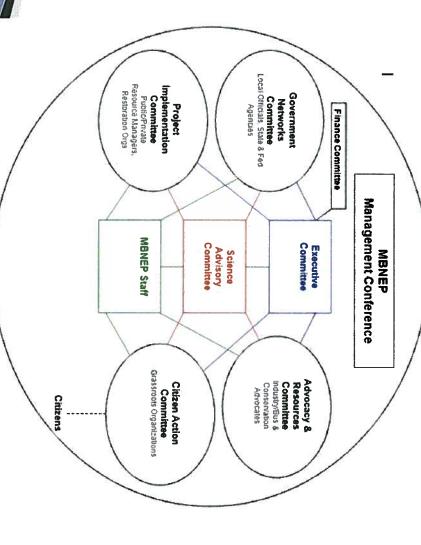


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Public Education and Outreach



Mobile Bay National Estuary Program



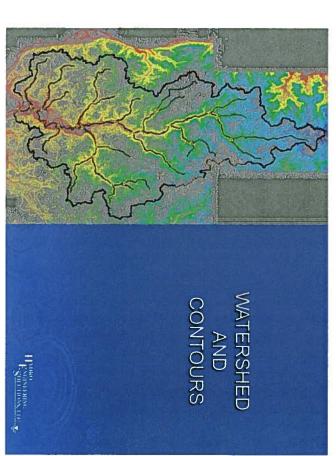


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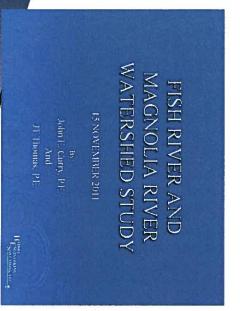
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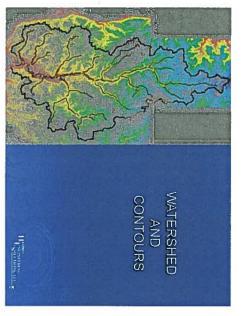


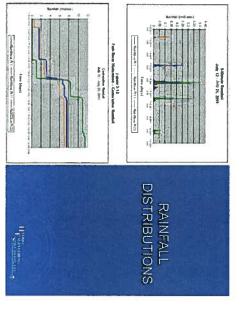












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H. Murphy
December 3, 2013

The Honorable Charles H. Marphy Mayer
Attention: Mr. Greg Smath City of Robertsdale P.O. Box 429 Robertsdale, AL 36567

te: Fish River & Magnolia River Watershed Study

Dear Mayor Murphy:

A study on the Fish River and Magnetis River watershoots was performed to gain on undestanding of each watershoot and deserving their sensiblely to land use of charges in series expecting growth in the seat share You are receiving this letter stong with a copy of the report because your jumptication contains areas that are located in one or both of the above manifolined watershoots, a map alreading the vesterabled boundaries is attached.

his is to request that the city use the attached information for your atomiseter regulations. The information in a standard study can be used for future atomisetate planning and management at not was succeptorated uto by the standard study can be used for future study management at most extended to the study through the Fash Review bast offices of the Study through the Fash Review standards of page absolute regularization. Regularization are for office at the first and west of the rold the in the almost page are as are required to details the 2, 5, 10, 2, 50, and 100 year storm events. The entire Magnotia River standards of sequence to detail to 6, 3, 10, 2, 50, and 100 year storm events.

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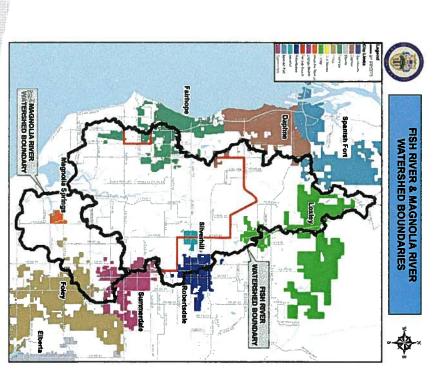
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Perdido Bay Watershed Planning (Baldwin County, Escambia County, AL & FL)

Perdido Bay Community-Based Watershed 'Round 3' Planning Meeting Examble-Santa Rosa-Counties and Alabama November 21, 2013 9:00-3:00 CT Excambla County Central Office Complex, 3368 West Park Place Pensacola, FL 32505 Facilitated by The Nature Conservancy

Plan Objective:

Plan Objects and actions that solve the most pressing environmental issues prioritizing a suite of projects and actions that solve the most pressing environmental issues affecting these watersheeds and the Gulf, freespective of the funding source or political jurisdiction.

- Goals for the watershed planning process:

 1. Gulf Consortium adopts the watershed a sdopts the watershed approach as part of the state's RESTORE expenditure
- plan, colling up this and other watershed plans as an essential element of the state plan Stakeholders continue to collaborate within and across jurisdictions to implement the watershed plan, seeking funding from public and private funding, grants and other sources Stakeholders establish internal priorities consistent with the watershed plan

Nelcome, introductions, overview of the meeting goals and agenda

Coastal Community Resilience - demo of the Coastal Resilience 2.0 web tool

Plan per the August meeting (refer to attached draft plan) leview and agree on Watershed Issues from the Draft Perdido Bay Community-Based Watershed

dentify the root causes of each issue

Identifying root causes will help to focus and prioritize projects on the most important activities to improve the watershed

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Review data maps showing impaired waters/TIMDL's, natural resources and many other data layer

dentify the types of projects/actions for each root cause to filter and prioritize proposed projects Restoration type projects to fix existing issues (e.g., septic tank retrofit, road stabilization) projects that ensure the watershed will maintain good water quality and not degrade over

- Preventative type projects to avoid future impairments (e.g., land protection, management and habitat restoration)

Review Draft Watershed Plan metrics

Discuss the type of metrics that could be used to monitor success for each category

Public Comment, Wrap-up and Next Steps

Page 1 of 3

Perdido Bay Community-Based Watershed 'Round 3' Planning Meeting

issues/Challenges identified by stakeholders during the August 6 mtg. Refer to draft plan for more details of each.

- Need for assessments
 Lack of Land Lise Regulations/Zoning (AL) and Enforcement (FL/AL)
 Stormwater Runoff

- Restoration and Protection
 Loss of Shoreline
 Degraded Uchas Stream System
 Groundwater Withdraw
 Development
 Private/Public Property
 Lack of Public Access

The dorft Community-Based Watershed Plans being developed for each of the five Panhandle watersheds (Pendido, Pensacola, Choctawhatchee, St. Andrew/St. foe, Spalechicola to St. Marts) Identifies four 'priority Stures' that are common across all of these watershed areas.

1. Water Charley

2. Habitat/Resource Protection

3. Education/Outreach

Table 1. Priority Actions, Major issues and Root Causes for the Perdido Bay Community Based Walershed. The above list was further categorized into 5 Major Actions in Table 1 of the draft plan (see below).

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		Land fill seepage
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natural habitat and		 Restore riparian buffers
resources and increase		 Sediment quality
buffer areas		 Establish clear goals and objectives
		 Stream 'log jams', with careful consideration of how they also are beneficial
		 Competing interests of restoration goals
		Lack of Land Use Regulations/Zoning (AL) and Enforcement (FL/AL)
		Development in "fragile oreos"
		 Land use changes
		 Development of fragile systems
		Need for assessments
		Loss of Shoreline
		Development
		Private/Public Property
		Lock of Public Acress
		 Enforcement of Uses
		 Appreciation of the natural resources
		Competing Uses
		Degraded Urban Stream System
		- Habitat Loss
		- Sedimentation
		 Threatened and Endangered Species
		- invasive Species
		- Shrimp fisheries
		- Heavy metal legacy issues
R		Cooperative Comprehensive Manitoring
HISUTHCHIK		 spans across all issues and requires cooperative efforts
cooperation and		- Success of Projects
coordination for		- Change of Systems
monitoring, funding,		 Ongoing funding for operation and maintenance
implementation,		- Accountability
outreach		Collaboration across the system
		 AL, FL, Counties (Escambia & Baidwin, AL & Escambia, FL), Tribal (AL)
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		Funding
		Sustainability
		Education and Outreach
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25 Most Environmentally Damaging Roads:

Ewing Farm Road Sawmill Road **Sherman Road River Road** Holley Creek Road Kilcrease Road **Nolte Creek Drive Paul Cleverdon Road** Mannich Lane (S4) Mannich Lane (S2) Norris Lane Spring Creek Drive County Road 26 **Wolf Field Road** Hagendorfer Road Malkoskie Road **Bretz Lane Barrineau Park Road Peter Morris Road** Goat Cooper Road **Griggers Road Linholm Road Brady Road** Lipscomb Road

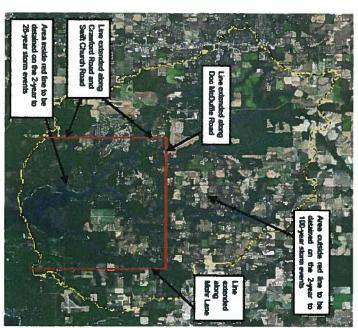


Wolf Bay Watershed Watch

Wolf Bay Watershed
Study
Baldwin County Commission



Areas Requiring All Event Detention



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Flood Hazard Protection—July 2013



Flood Hazard Protection Newsletter

gage must purchase flood insurance if the property is located within a Special Flood and enforce floodplain regulations. Since its SFHA properties.

Since flooding is the most common nature interprient in 1968, the program has been ascensful in helping flood victims get back on real disaster, it is important that you obtain their feet. This is important since property the maximum protection. You can purchast the feet of where you who hold a federally backed mort-flood insurance irrespective of where you sazard Area (SFIIA).

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Baldwin County is an active participant in ing, the more the discount will be Baldwin the National Flood insurance Program County currently holds a Class.C.CMS rating. (NFIP), which provider friedrally backed which equates to a 26th discount on new or flood insurance in communities that enset renewing flood insurance policies for all

ownership you represent (i.e. homeowner renter or business owner). and there is no exclusion as to what type flood insurance irrespective of where you reside in high, moderate, or low risk areas

S) To help protect property and reduce poe tontal losses due to flooding, please refer to
the this fact sheet in the event of an impending
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So visit the FibMA website (www.fema.gov) for
the more information on the National Flood Interms of the project o

It's Never Too Early to Purchase A Flood Insurance Policy Flood Insurance Is For Your Financial Protection

surance Program (NFIP).

STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)



A SUPPLEMENT FOR THE EROSION ORDINANCE CONTROL

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Questions and Wetland Frequently Asked







Community Rating System (CRS) Program

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Baldwin County has recently been successful in achieving the Class 6 rating, reducing flood insurance premiums by 20% resulting in a savings to the citizens of the unincorporated areas of Baldwin County. A 10% discount is provided for non-SFHAs. Instead of paying higher premiums, the money saved hopefully stays in the community.

As of 2011 Baldwin County had 9,783 flood insurance policies in force which estimates to \$2,126,335,400 respectively. Since inception into the NFIP, there have been 6,985 losses paid totaling approximately \$204,410,128.

For more information about flood insurance, property owners and potential buyers should contact their local insurance agent or call the toll-free information line for the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-427-4661.

Baldwin County Commission

Community Rating System (CRS) Program

Administered by the

Baldwin County Planning & Zoning
Department
Foley Satellite Courthouse
201 East Section Street
Foley, Alabama 36535
Telephone: 251.972.8523
Fax: 251.972.8520
www.planning.co.baldwin.al.us

Direct Contact: dhart@baldwincountyal.us

in conjunction with the

Baldwin County Highway Department 22070 Highway 59 Robertsdale AL 36567 Telephone: 251.937.0278

Emergency Management Agency 23100 McAuliffe Drive Robertsdale AL 36567 Telephone: 251.972.6807

Building Inspection Department 201 East Section Street Foley, Alabama 36535 Telephone: 251.972.6837

For Additional Information visit FEMA's website at:

http://www.fema.gov

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Floodplain Regulations and Local Flood Hazard Area & Flood Insurance Rate Maps

Baldwin County regulates construction and development in the floodplain to ensure that buildings will be protected from flood damage. Filling and similar projects are prohibited in certain areas. Houses substantially damaged by fire, flood, or any other cause must be elevated to or above the flood level when they are repaired.

Check for the Flood Hazard: Before you commit yourself to buying property, do the following:

- > Ask the local building, zoning, or engineering department if the property is in a floodplain; if it has ever been flooded; what the flood depth, velocity, and warning time are; if it is subject to any other hazards; and what building and zoning regulations are in effect.
- Ask the real estate agent if the property is in a floodplain; if it has ever been flooded and if it is subject to any hazards, such as sewer backup or subsidence.
- Ask the seller and the neighbors if the property is in a floodplain, how long they have lived there, if the property has ever been flooded, and if it is subject to any other hazards.

The Baldwin County Inspection Department maintains FIRM maps. These maps are available for public inspection during normal business hours. They may also be viewed at your local library, also.

Upon written request, you may obtain a map of your property as it relates to a local flood hazard area. Contact the Baldwin County Planning & Zoning Department or visit their website at www.planning.co.baldwin.al.us.

Hurricane season officially begins on June
1. Property owners and renters are
encouraged to purchase flood insurance
policies as soon as possible to provide
financial protection from floodwaters and
storm surge.

The National Flood Insurance Program, administered by FEMA makes federally backed flood insurance available in communities that adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood losses. Flood damage, unlike wind damage, is not covered by a homeowner's policies. This coverage must be purchased separately and is available only in communities that participate in the NFIP.

Since Baldwin County is an NFIP community, federally backed flood insurance is available, with the exception of Coastal Barrier Resources Act (COBRA) areas along the Fort Morgan peninsula.

There is a 30-day waiting period before a new flood insurance policy becomes effective. There are two exceptions to the 30-day waiting period. First, there is no waiting period following the initial purchase of flood insurance when that purchase is in connection with making, increasing, extending or renewing a mortgage or construction loan; the policy will become effective upon loan closing. Secondly, there is no waiting period if the initial purchase occurs during the 13-month period following the revision or updating of a flood insurance rate map and in this case, the policy will go into effect at 12:01 a.m. the day after purchase.

All properties secured by a federally backed mortgage (FHA, VA, FNMA, etc.) must carry flood insurance. Within the COBRA area, the use of direct or indirect federal funding sources is prohibited. Private flood insurance may be available.

Flood Protection: A building can be protected from most flood hazards, sometimes at a relatively low cost. New buildings and additions can be elevated above flood levels. Existing buildings can be protected from shallow floodwaters by regarding, berms, or floodwalls. There are other retrofitting techniques that can protect a building from surface or subsurface water.

SAVE DOLLARS

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BE SURE TO PURCHASE A

Many people think they don't need flood insurance because the federal disaster assistance will bail them out. HOWEVER, floods are not always declared a federal disaster area. Even when they are, aid is usually in the form of a loan, which must be paid back with interest.

Flood insurance on the other hand, pays for all covered losses, and unlike loans, that money doesn't have to be paid back.

You can cover your home's structure for up to \$250,000, and its contents for up to \$100,000. For businesses, structural coverage is available up to \$500,000 and up to \$500,000 for contents.

- stockpiles of soil and paving materials from terials such as fuel, paints, and solvents prevention and control plan for hazardous mawind and water erosion. Have a spill Materials Management: Protect
- erosion and provide soil stabilization vegetative cover on disturbed areas to reduce Seeding and Sodding: Establish



- onsite and offsite damages and hazards particles during construction to minimize **Dust Control:** Control wind-borne
- Install silt fencing, straw rolls or a gravel bag **Sediment Perimeter Protection:**

barrier to prevent sediment discharges.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Department Natural Resource Division: Baldwin County's Planning and Zoning http://www.planning.co.baldwin.al.us

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http://www.adem.state.al.us

Sites and Urban Areas. It is available at: book for Erosion Control, Sediment Control, tion Committee published the Alabama Handand Stormwater Management on Construction The Alabama Soil and Water Conserva-

erosion_handbook.htm http://swcc.state.al.us/

charge Elimination System (NPDES) provides during construction. information on erosion and sediment control (EPA) website on the National Pollutant Dis-The Environmental Protection Agency's

http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes

ment Practices (BMP) Database: International Stormwater Best Manage-

http://www.bmpdatabase.org



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STORMWATER BEST PRACTICES (BMPs) MANAGEMENT



A SUPPLEMENT FOR THE EROSION ORDINANCE CONTROL

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STORMWATER POLLUTION

construction site enters a watercourse, it can and acids construction chemicals, solvents, asphalts ants: pesticides, petroleum products, identifies the following as examples of polluttheir spawning grounds, and the overall have negative effects on fish and aquatic life If sedimentation or other pollutants from a Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) turbidity, or clarity, of the watercourse. The

PRACTICES (BMPs) BEST MANAGEMENT

or devices employed to avoid or minimize non-structural measures, practices, techniques control plan and implement best management waters of the state." soil, sediment or pollutants carried in runoff to practices (BMPs). BMPs are "structural or county are required to submit an erosion in unincorporated and zoned areas of the County's watercourses, owners and operators and pollutant discharges into Baldwin In an effort to reduce or eliminate sediment

PERMIT & REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

commences: considered before construction activity The following permits and ordinances must be

registration for all projects within the county which disturb 1 or more acres of land. Management (ADEM) requires a notice of Alabama Department of Environmental Alabama Environmental Permit: The

> are available at: www.adem.state.al.us Information on this process and applications Land Use Certificate: The Baldwin

- sites that are greater than 1 acre in size or specialist; a licensed home builder or a application. For sites less than 1 acre, the plan to be used must be submitted with the zoned areas of the county. An erosion control prior to any construction commencing in requires that a land use certificate be obtained those that fall under ADEM's authority. professional (QCP) must prepare plans for licensed contractor. A qualified credentialed inspector (QCI); a certified erosion control professional (QCP); a qualified credentialed may be prepared by a qualified credentialed plan showing the type and location of BMPs County Planning and Zoning Department
- Engineer with the Baldwin County Highway right-of-way. Contact the Maintenance Department at (251) 972-8533. permit is needed when working in the public Right-of-Way and Access Permits: A
- permits may be needed at (251) 580-2548. Department to determine what building **Building Permits:** Contact the Building

INSPECTION PROGRAM

work order or fines until the problem is will ensure that BMPs are in place and proper erosion and sediment controls. They County staff monitors construction sites for the owner or operator may be subject to a stop erosion are not being adequately controlled, providing adequate protection. If sediment and

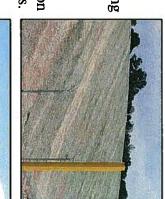
PRINCIPLES POLLUTION PREVENTION

management practices. development of plans and the design of best provides information to assist with the Soil and Water Conservation Committee Sediment Control published by the Alabama The Alabama Handbook for Erosion and

control protection. to provide adequate erosion and sediment Multiple BMPs may need to be implemented

that can be implemented on project sites: The following are brief examples of BMPs

- disturbance by clearing only the area to be worked, rather than the entire site. Planning and Scheduling: Minimize land
- stabilize slopes mulch or erosior with hydraulic vegetation and Preserve existing Stabilization: control blankets



street sweeping conduct frequent construction struct a stabilized entrance and Tracking: Con-Sediment



to keep sediment off of roadways

WETLAND FACTS

There are an estimated 300,000 acres of wetlands in Baldwin County. 260,000 acres are freshwater and 40,000 have saltwater influence.

In the southeast, 96% of the commercial catch and over 50% of the recreational seafood harvest are fish and shellfish that depend of the estuarine and coastal wetland system.

Wetlands provide habitats for many waterfowl game species and for endangered and threatened species, such as Alabama redbellied turtles, wood storks, and bald eagles.



1 acre of wetlands can store 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 gallons of floodwater.

Nearly half of the wetlands in the U.S. are located in the southeast.

May is American Wetland Month.

February is World Wetlands Month.



WETLAND RESOURCES

The internet is an excellent source of wetland information. Many agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Geological Survey, local experts, colleges and universities, and a numerous non-profit organizations have countless resources on wetlands. You may also want to contact these agencies directly for specific questions.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands

(800) 832-7828

Www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecowo/reg/rw-bro.htm

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service www.fws.gov/nwi

U.S. Geological Survey National Wetlands Resource Center www.nwrc.usgs.gov

AL Department of Environmental Management www.adem.state.al.us/FieldOps/Coastal/Coastal.htm

Baldwin County Zoning Ordinance -Article X Section 10.4-

www.planning.co.baldwin.al.us

Baldwin County Subdivision Regulations -Article 5
Section 2.2-

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WETLANDS



Frequently Asked
Questions and Wetland
Resources



WHAT ARE WETLANDS?

the term wetland refers to lowlands covered ith shallow and sometimes temporary intermitent waters. Wetlands are sometimes referred as swamps, marshes, or bogs. Wetlands are ransitional areas between terrestrial and quatic ecosystems where the water table is spically at or near the surface.

hree criteria must be present for an area to be ategorized as a wetland:



1) Hydrology - How the water enters and leaves the area. Indicators, such as visible inundation, water marks, and sediment deposits may be indicators of hydrology.

 Hydrophytic vegetation - "Water-loving" plants that live in wetlands.

Hydric Soils - Often dark in color, these soils are formed when conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding are present long enough to develop oxygen-

depleted conditions.

letlands may be found in low-lying areas that are a high water table, or are located near rivas, lakes, streams or the beach. They can be reas of shallow open water with underwater ants: can look like a meadow; can occur on

slopes or can surround a larger lake or stream.

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WHY ARE WETLANDS IMPORTANT?

Wetlands were once considered wastelands and a hindrance to agricultural productivity and development. Today, wetlands are recognized as important and valuable ecosystems. They are home to many beautiful and rare species of plants and wildlife. The biodiversity of wetlands makes them comparable to tropical rain forests and coral reefs.



Wetlands perform many important functions.

- They act as natural "sponges" that absorb flood waters.
- Wetlands also act as a filter for our drinking water.
- Wetlands are home to many fish and wildlife species. Many of these species are threatened or endangered.
- Wetlands serve as a "stop over" for migratory birds.
- Wetlands provide food and offer breeding/ spawning grounds for many fish and wildlife species.
- Wetlands also provide numerous recreational opportunities.



WHAT IF I HAVE WETLANDS ON MY PROPERTY?

The presence of wetlands does not mean that a landowner cannot develop their property. If you suspect you have wetlands on your property contact the Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Department. Our staff can offer assistance by researching the property for potential wetlands and the presence of hydric soils using GIS technology.

If our staff determines that wetlands may be impacted by the proposed development we can provide a listing of local environmental consultants who can make a site visit and perform a wetland delineation if necessary. The delineation will show the boundary of the wetlands.

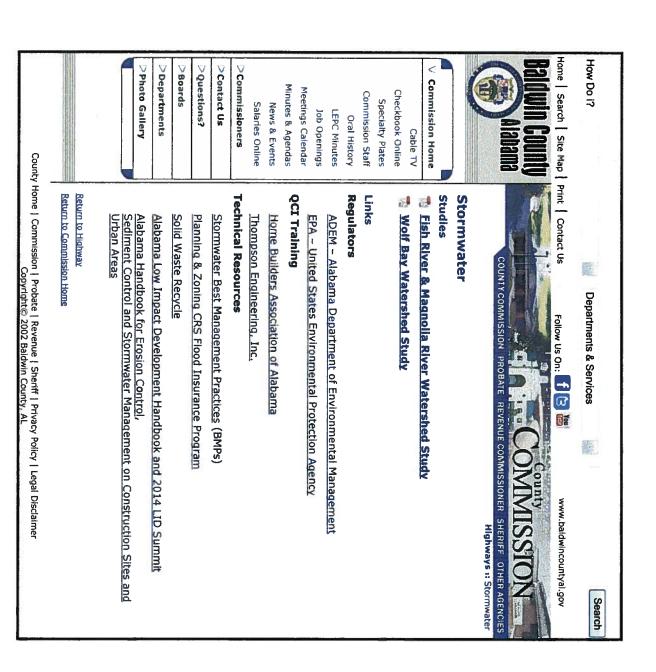
If the consultant determines that the property contains wetlands that may be impacted by the development, then the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers must be contacted. The Corps of Engineers is the regulating body for all wetland activities. You may contact the Mobile office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for additional information.

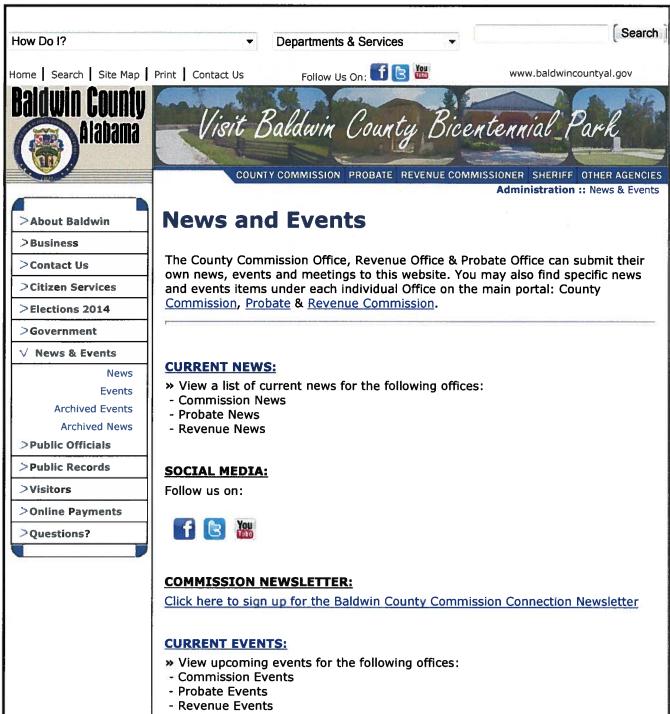
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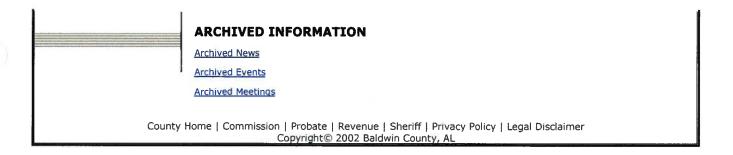


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26th Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup is Sept. 21



Effort has collected 1.4 million pounds of trash



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BY ANGELA UNDERWOOD Coastal Cleanup Coordinator

FAIRHOPE, Ala. - The 2013 Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21 from 8 a.m.-noon. This is the 26th year of the State's largest annual volunteer event.

During the past 25 years, 68,583 volunteers have participated in the removal of 1.4 million pounds of marine debris from Alabama's valued coastline and waterways.

Although marine debris is trash found in the water or along the shoreline, it often begins its journey at an inland source such as an overturned trash can or litter tossed from a car. This trash then washes into waterways during storms.

This eyesore can pose a real threat to both marine wildlife and humans. Participation In the Alabama Coastal Cleanup provides a unique opportunity to be a part of the solution.

This effort involves a legion of volunteers led by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) Coastal Section and the Alabama People Against A Littered State (PALS) and is part of the larger International Coastal Cleanup envisioned and led by The Ocean Conservancy.

Volunteers during the past two dozen years have removed all kinds of unusual debris from shorelines throughout Mobile and Baldwin counties, Items have included enough ruined furniture, home appliances, computers and laptops to completely equip a house or office.

According to Kara Lankford, veteran Zone Captain and local Ocean Conservancy Representative, there is no end to the variety of items found during the cleanup.









"Ocean trash ranks as one of the most serious pollution problems of our time, affecting the health of people, wildlife and economies. I would recommend the Alabama Coastal Cleanup to anyone looking to give something back to their surrounding environment," Lankford said.

Involved citizens, school groups, businesses and clubs walk or boat in 26 different zones (www.alcoastalcleanup.com). They pick up what they find and record the data which is submitted to The Ocean Conservancy to track what is getting into our oceans

The information is used for education on the source of the debris and our behaviors as a society.

This huge event couldn't be possible without a lot of generous support from: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Mobile Bay National Estuary Program; The Original Oyster House; Bebo's; ExxonMobil; Alabama Power Company; Alabama Seafood Association; Alabama Department of Transportation; Compass Media; Ike's Beach Service; LuLu's; Vulcan Materials Company; ALFA; Honda Manufacturing of Alabama; Alabama Farmer's Cooperative; City of Gulf Shores; City of Orange Beach, Baldwin County Commission; Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Tourism and The Ocean Conservancy.

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Hundreds turn out in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach for Coastal Cleanup (photos)

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GULF SHORES, Alabama -- The white sandy beaches of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach are a little cleaner

today, after hundreds of volunteers pitched in during the 26th Alabama Coastal Cleanup.

Despite an early morning rain shower and gloomy skies throughout the morning, organizers were pleased with the turnout.

"Considering the weather, I think it went extremely well," said Lisa Kennedy, who headed up the group in Gulf Shores.

Kennedy said that 250 volunteers collected 170 bags of trash between West Beach pass and the Gulf State Park Pier. The volunteers collected numerous discarded beach chairs and umbrellas, as well as broken or abandoned tent frames. There were also some larger items found, including a motor and part of a walk-in cooler.

Gulf State Park naturalist Kelly Reetz organized a group of 66 volunteers from the Gulf State Park Pavilion, collecting 370 pounds of trash from the park. Jan and Douglas Pruitt of Magnolia Springs were among those volunteers chipping in with the clean-up at the state park.

"It's fantastic, very well-organized and lots of people turned out," Jan Pruitt said. "It feels good to know all this trash isn't staying on the beach or being eaten by the wildlife."

Kennedy and Reetz both said cigarette butts were particularly plentiful in the sand. Reetz said one family alone collected more than 400 cigarette butts. Kennedy said a cigarette butt takes 15 years to biodegrade.

At Perdido Pass, a group of 20 volunteers collected more than 100 pounds of trash around the beaches and under the bridge at the Pass.

Approximately 5,000 people participated in the Coastal Cleanup in Mobile and Baldwin Counties.

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BAY MINETTE, Alabama - Baldwin County residents have an opportunity to dispose of debris and trash free Saturday (Jan. 11th).

Dumping fees will be waived for individuals during Baldwin Clean Sweep at the Magnolia and

MacBride landfills as well as the Bay Minette Transfer Station from 7:00am until 5:00pm. Those wishing to dump their trash will have to provide a valid Baldwin County address, name and phone number.

Items that residents can dispose of include leaves and tree limbs, furniture, electronics, tires, scrap metal, carpet, paint and other household hazardous wastes. Household garbage will not be accepted.

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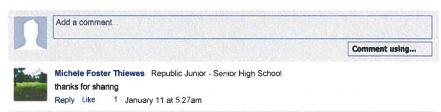
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